



## **Mountmellick Parish Newsletter**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**May 25th 2025**

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**The Synodal  
Pathway**

**communion participation  
mission**

**Jubilee Year  
Of Hope 2025**

**THE WORD OF GOD:** On this last Sunday, before Ascension and Pentecost, we see Jesus's earthly ministry come to a gradual conclusion. Jesus is about to return to the Father, but his final words contain a promise: through his Spirit of power, courage and knowledge, he will always remain with his disciples. Jesus is ensuring that his ministry will continue. In the First Reading we see that the same disciples do not make any decisions without consulting the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who keeps them (and us today) faithful to Christ's word. In the Second Reading, John speaks of being carried away in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit of consolation, strength and wisdom is essential for everything. When we, too, know and feel this lifegiving presence of Christ's Spirit in our hearts, we can repeat the words of the Psalmist who praises God in all and for all. Let's rest in that grace this week, as the Spirit makes her home in us, and through whom we receive light, blessing and wisdom to be of service to others.



### **PRAYER FOR LIFE NOVENA May 23<sup>rd</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>**

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life. Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.  
(The Gospel of Life, Pope St. John Paul II) [www.prayerforlife.ie](http://www.prayerforlife.ie)

### **Kildare & Leighlin - Retired Priests Collection.**

This collection takes place at all Masses this weekend. The generosity of parishes and parishioners in supporting this collection is deeply appreciated.

**Leaving Cert Graduation:** Congratulations to the Leaving Cert class of 2025 in Mountmellick Community School who celebrated their graduation on Thursday. We wish them every blessing in their upcoming exams and in all the exciting and special days ahead.

### **CEMETERY MASSES 2025      CEMETERY MASSES 2025**

#### **Castlebrack Cemetery - this Sunday May 25th at 7.00pm**

Clonaghadoo Cemetery - Sunday July 6th at 1.00pm. (there will be no 9.00am mass that morning).

**St. Joseph's Cemetery, Acragar - Sunday July 20th at 1.00pm.**

Ivy Cemetery - Monday August 4th - 7.30pm.

**Please share the time and dates with family and friends who might wish to attend.**

### **Columban Day Celebrations**

All paths lead to Carlow this July when the town hosts the XXVI Columbanus Day celebration from 11th to 13th July. This significant occasion honours St. Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries, recognised for his contributions to the spiritual and cultural foundation of Europe. The three-day event promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experiences. The celebrations culminate with the XXVI Columbanus Day Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Sunday 13th July. We very much look forward to hosting the International Columbanus Weekend, when pilgrims from all over Europe will gather here in our diocese to honour this great Saint. All welcome.

## REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED - ANNIVERSARIES

**1st Anniversary Mass:** Veronica Dunne, Garoon, mass on Thursday May 29th at 7.30pm.

***Please pray for the following whose anniversaries are remembered this weekend and for whom Mass will be offered:*** Tom Walsh, Chapel St., Rita & Seamus Gorman, Borness, Michael Dowling, Portlaoise, Kathleen Byrne, Harbour St., Noel Goode, Wolfetone Court, Martin Horan, Parnell St., Joseph Conroy, Emmet St., Esther & Barney Flood, Elizabeth & George Sheehy, Bernie Reddin, Garoon, Bride, Ange & Luke Ryan, Wolfetone St., Joseph Lynch, Straboe, Martin Hibbitts, Acragar,

***For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for whom Mass will be offered next weekend Saturday/ May 24th & 25th:*** Teresa Dempsey, Davin Park, Anne Furlong, Emmet St., Mark McDonald, Pattison Est., Martin & Máire Delaney, Upper Forest,

*Sunday Masses in St. Joseph's Church available on parish webcam or church radio.*

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH

#### Collections - Collections

Saturday/Sunday 17th & 18th May

Baskets: €580 Envelopes: €750

THANK YOU THANK YOU

#### DONATE ONLINE

You can make your donation to support the parish via the 'Donate' button on our Parish Website, [www.mountmellickparish.ie](http://www.mountmellickparish.ie)

#### CHEQUES CHEQUES

Please make all cheques for the parish payable to "Mountmellick Parish No 1 Account".

### Sunday Rosary For May

All welcome at 6.30pm in the Parish Church this Sunday evening to pray the Rosary for your own intentions and the intentions of the Church and the world.



### I.C.A.

A mass will be held in the ICA House, Davitt Road, for members and their families and also the deceased members of the ICA on Wednesday May 28th at 8.00pm. All welcome.

### LOURDES 2025 PILGRIMAGE

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath.

1st July, 2025 for 6 nights..

**Final payment is now requested.**

Thank you. For details contact Eleanor @ 087-7670915.

### Kildare & Leighlin SAFEGUARDING

#### Designated Liaison Person &

**Director of Safeguarding - Ailish Higgins.**

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**Deputy DLP: Telephone: 086 1710643.**

**Local Enquiries.**

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**New Child Safeguarding Policy 2024**

"A Safe and Welcoming Church – Safeguarding Children Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland, 2024". [www.safeguarding.ie](http://www.safeguarding.ie)

### Ministers of the Word

#### Saturday/Sunday May 31st/June 1st

Sat. 7.30pm - Carol McAuley

Sun. 11.00am - Sheelagh Coyle

### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Saturday/Sunday May 31st/June 1st

Sat. 7.30pm - Dolores Fitzgerald & Orla Ambroziak

Sun. 11.00am - Antinette Makim & Paddy Buggy

### MOUNTMELICK PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday May 21st 2025

Jackpot Numbers: 3:18:23:31:

No Jackpot winner:

10 Matched '3' - €100 each.

Next Weeks Jackpot is: €11,000

#### Winner

Breda Casey

#### Promoter

Marian Phelan

### THE BALCONY CINEMA

Presents "Crazy Stupid Love" at 8.00pm. on

Wednesday May 28th. Adm: €5,

includes a cuppa and a biscuits.

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#### ADVANCE NOTICE

Calling all our bakers and supporters. The annual Mission Alive cake sale and coffee morning to support an Orphan Project in Lusaka, Zambia will take place on Friday July 11th in the ICA House at 10am.

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#### WANTED

A family is looking for a house or apartment to rent in Mountmellick. Please contact: 089 4814330.

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#### P.A.T.H.

Clonaghadoo PATH Support Group will accept donations of practical and non-perishable items for their work with homeless people across Dublin and the surrounding area. A basket, for donated items, is located inside the door of Clonaghadoo Church (Tayto, Pot Noodles, Sweets, Wipes and Socks) would be greatly appreciated). Out next collection is in June. Further details: Annette @ 085 1018988, Ann @ 085 8427064, Dolores @ 087 6255735.

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#### "BINGO BINGO BINGO"

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre  
this Sunday evening at **8.00pm. Check!!**